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1. The recent excessive demands made by the Colombian Petroleum Company Workers' Union in Cucuta were calculated to cause as much trouble as possible for company officials and, at the same time, bolster the prestige of the union's directorate. [REDACTED] officials of the union, which is affiliated with the government-sponsored Union de Trabajadores de Colombia (UTC), feel that the government will back them in any demands they care to make, in spite of the fact that their threatened strike would be contrary to the Colombian law prohibiting strikes in the oil industry. 25X1X
2. UTC leaders have in the past caused considerable trouble for company officials by their persecution of Liberals and Protestants. [REDACTED] the local union is now attempting to cause difficulties for three Protestant company officials in particular: the manager, the chief of personnel and the head of the legal department. 25X1X
3. A Colombian Petroleum Company official stated that the union's demands (which include a request for a forty percent wage increase, an increase of approximately three hundred percent in housing and cost of living allowances, and more liberal severance pay) were completely out of proportion to the increased cost of living and would probably be hard to settle because of the union's government support.

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